

DETAILED ACTION

Status of Application, Amendments and/or Claims

The amendment of 21 August 2006 has been entered in full. Claims 1-22 have been cancelled and claims 22-39 have been added.

Claims 22-39 are pending.

Election/Restrictions

1. This application contains claims directed to more than one species of the generic invention. These species are deemed to lack unity of invention because they are not so linked as to form a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1.

The species of amino acids are as follows:

- a) Alanine
- b) Arginine
- c) Aspartic acid
- d) cysteine
- e) Glutamic acid
- f) Glycine
- g) Histidine
- h) Isoleucine
- i) Leucine
- j) Lysine
- k) Methionine

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- l) Phenylalanine
- m) Proline
- n) Serine
- o) Tryptophan
- p) Tyrosine
- q) Threonine
- r) Valine

Applicant is required, in reply to this action, to elect a single species to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. The reply must also identify the claims readable on the elected species, including any claims subsequently added. An argument that a claim is allowable or that all claims are generic is considered non-responsive unless accompanied by an election.

Upon the allowance of a generic claim, applicant will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species which are written in dependent form or otherwise include all the limitations of an allowed generic claim as provided by 37 CFR 1.141. If claims are added after the election, applicant must indicate which are readable upon the elected species. MPEP § 809.02(a).

The claims are deemed to correspond to the species listed above in the following manner: claim 28.

The following claim(s) are generic: claim 22.

The species listed above do not relate to a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1 because, under PCT Rule 13.2, the species lack the same or corresponding special technical features for the following reasons: the amino acids listed in claim 28 do not share a common structural and functional feature.

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2. This application contains claims directed to more than one species of the generic invention. These species are deemed to lack unity of invention because they are not so linked as to form a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1.

The species of vitamins are as follows:

- s) Biotin
- t) Pantothenate
- u) Choline chorine
- v) Folic acid
- w) Myo-inositol
- x) Niacinamide
- y) Pyridoxine
- z) Riboflavin
- aa) Vitamin B12
- bb) Thiamine
- cc) Putrescine

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the election, applicant must indicate which are readable upon the elected species. MPEP § 809.02(a).

The claims are deemed to correspond to the species listed above in the following manner: claim 30.

The following claim(s) are generic: claim 22.

The species listed above do not relate to a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1 because, under PCT Rule 13.2, the species lack the same or corresponding special technical features for the following reasons: the vitamins listed in claim 28 do not share a common structural and functional feature.

3. This application contains claims directed to more than one species of the generic invention. These species are deemed to lack unity of invention because they are not so linked as to form a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1.

The species of salts are as follows:

dd) CaCl_2

ee) KCl

ff) MgCl_2

gg) Sodium Phosphate

hh) CuCl_2

ii) ZnCl_2

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argument that a claim is allowable or that all claims are generic is considered non-responsive unless accompanied by an election.

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The claims are deemed to correspond to the species listed above in the following manner: claim 31.

The following claim(s) are generic: claim 22.

The species listed above do not relate to a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1 because, under PCT Rule 13.2, the species lack the same or corresponding special technical features for the following reasons: the salts listed in claim 31 do not share a common structural and functional feature.

4. This application contains claims directed to more than one species of the generic invention. These species are deemed to lack unity of invention because they are not so linked as to form a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1.

The species of fatty acids are as follows:

jj) Arachidonic acid

kk) Linoleic acid

ll) Oleic acid

mm) Lauric acid

nn) Myristic acid

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The claims are deemed to correspond to the species listed above in the following manner: claim 33.

The following claim(s) are generic: claim 22.

The species listed above do not relate to a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1 because, under PCT Rule 13.2, the species lack the same or corresponding special technical features for the following reasons: the fatty acids listed in claim 33 do not share a common structural and functional feature.

Information

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